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CHAIRMAN WILSON REPORTS ON THE 7TH ANNUAL CIRCUS

THE Seventh Annual Shrine Circus, sponsored by Aleppo Temple of Boston at the Boston Garden, is now history. Our 1947 show, running thirteen performances during the six days starting Monday, October 13, set us a new record both for attendance and total receipts.

The attendance exceeded even 1943, when there were fifteen performances in a nine-day engagement including two Sundays! On Saturday, October 18, with three complete shows, no less than 24,683 tickets were presented! With two children under twelve eligible for admission on any Shrine ticket, at two of the three shows, the Saturday attendance undoubtedly exceeded 30,000 persons! No such gathering of children, including a Saturday morning show, ever attended *any* circus at *any* time, *anywhere* in Boston. Aleppo Temple made thousands of friends for many years to come.

Special efforts were made this year, not only to encourage greater attendance by the nobility, but especially to assure wider response to the invitations warmly extended to disabled veterans, and to those in charge of institutions, organizations and groups interested in underprivileged and less fortunate children. We are deeply grateful to the hundreds of Nobles and the many business houses and public individuals who joined the "Daddies' Club" and thus made happiness possible to thousands of Shrine "guests" who will never forget the experience. We, *of course*, made no distinction of race, color or creed. In an age of dangerous intolerance and a world of unsettled discontent, the Shrine, with its hospitals for all crippled children, and its circus days for all underprivileged children, holds a proud place among those who not only teach, but *practice*, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. And we believe that our Aleppo Circus, these past seven years, has made thousands of real friends throughout Metropolitan Boston. We believe Boston is *friendly* to Aleppo. And we know that *thousands* of children, the citizens of tomorrow, are growing up with kindly thoughts of the men who wear the red fez — irrespective of creed.

Those who joined the "Daddies' Club" are entitled to share the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing what they accomplished. We, therefore, have listed at the close of this report, the names of some of the groups who accepted your invitation —

and a few typical letters of grateful acknowledgment. We only wish every Noble could have experienced the thrill of seeing that enraptured sea of upturned faces of children watching aerial acts at one of Aleppo's overflow afternoon performances! But the letters tell a story of their own.

Robert Morton provided his usual outstanding type of circus, and presided as ringmaster in his own inimitable style. Noble Morton has no equal as a showman; for the seventh consecutive year he presented an indoor circus comparable to any. And the advance promotion services of his Mr. Sonitz were splendid in method and result.

The uniformed units of our Temple did much to add to the pagentry of four of our largest performances — turning out in full parade. Members of our Degree Staff covered every one of the thirteen shows for the sale of programs. And the Nobility of our great Temple, made the success of our annual circus possible. *Without* such response in our ticket sales to members there could be no circus!

Aleppo Temple also owes a real debt of gratitude to the Boston Post, which great daily newspaper co-sponsored our annual animal-naming contest incident to the circus, and thus assured our 1947 production a generous publicity, day after day in its columns, which no paid advertising could possibly attain. It was a gracious and friendly act. And as a result, not hundreds, but *thousands* of New England school children, this year, wrote to Aleppo Temple suggesting a name for the camel we have presented to the Zoo. Such publicity was obviously invaluable. The type of interest it awakened in the children is, perhaps, best exemplified by the following letter:

"Lancaster, N. H.
"October 13, 1947

"Dear Sirs:

"Received your letter today and was glad to receive the ticket for the circus. I am terrible disappointed as I cannot go as my daddy is very ill with a cancer of the lung. Mamma is the only one working. So we haven't the money to go. Daddy has to go to Boston Hospital the 24th Oct. I am returning the tickets back. Please give them to a poor child who haven't the money to go with. I would like to know there name and address so I would know some child enjoy them. Thanking you with all my love for the tickets wish I could enjoy them. Thank again.

"Miss Olivejean Tibbets
"Lancaster, N. H., Box 245

"I thought a camel was amusement for the Public so I named it A-Mus-U."

Another letter came from little Marjorie Collins. She said: "My name is Marjorie Collins. I have been in bed 7 years. I cannot write very well as I am on my tummy all the time. My mother told me about the contest. I never saw a camel except in pictures. I am nearly 12 years old. I think Camella would be a very nice name for a girl camel."

There there was the letter from Mrs. Bradley: "I've been asked by the three little girls whose names are on the enclosed paper to send the names they suggest for baby camel. — These little girls are at the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown. They are not quite blind but can see very, very little. The one who can see the best wrote for herself and the others. I am sending the paper just as they gave it to me." The paper was the large brown paper type of sheet used by children at the Institute, with very heavy lines wide apart. With the children's names, in childish pencil printed letters, poignantly enough, were these three suggestions, *Bright Eyes*, *Sparky*, and *Sleepy Eyes*!

And this really happened! The father of little Marian Hatch of South Boston walked from the City Hospital to the Shrine office at 97 Huntington Avenue one morning, to say, with tears in his eyes, "You folks saved my little girl's life!" This little girl of ten had been critically ill for days at the City Hospital with nobody able to rouse her spirits. One morning her parents gave her a letter which stated she had been sent two circus tickets as one of the 203 prize winners in the Shrine's camel naming contest. The child was so elated by the news that the doctor on his next visit urged her parents to disclose what they had told her to cause the marked turn for the better! Then we felt we should *really* do something. And a basket went to her from S. S. Pierce with the best wishes of your Temple. This was her answer. "I received your gift basket, and it made me the happiest girl in South Boston. I saw the nurse come in with a big, big package, but I never dreamed that it was for me. All the girls in my ward were dying for me to open it. And when I did I saw nuts, candy, jam, jelly, oranges and many other wonderful good things to eat. I wrote this little letter to show my thanks. And will never forget your kindness. I will close now. And thank you from the bottom of my heart.

"Marian Hatch."
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**ALEPO TEMPLE
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Illustrious Potentate

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| Frank B. Ells | Assistant Rabban |
| N. Russell Lynn | High Priest and Prophet |
| Andrew S. Seiler | Oriental Guide |
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James J. Curry
Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
Willard G. Lombard
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**NOBLE ALBERT A. SCHAEFER
2ND CEREMONIAL
MASTER DIES**

THE official line of Aleppo Temple was once again visited by the Black Camel on Thursday, October 23, when Noble Albert Adam Schaefer suddenly passed away.

Noble Schaefer, who became an officer of Aleppo when he was appointed 2nd Ceremonial Master last January by Illustrious Potentate Justin A. Duncan, was for many years one of the most widely known and active Masons in Massachusetts. He held membership in Richard C. MacLaurin Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was a Charter Member of The Harvard Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Cambridge where he served as Master during the year 1928. He was an Honorary Member of several Blue Lodges in this state. He was Master of the 7th Lodge of Instruction in 1930 and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1931. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Boston 2nd Masonic District and was Deputy Grand Master in 1934.

In 1941-42-43 Most Worshipful Albert A. Schaefer held the highest office in Masonry in the state when he served as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

In September 1942, during his term as Grand Master he was elected an Honorary 33rd Degree member of the Supreme Council.

Noble Schaefer was for many years an active member in the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston, being a 32nd Degree Mason in Massachusetts Consistory and was a Past Commander of St. Bernard Commandery Knights Templar of Boston.

Mr. Schaefer was professor of law and government, Department of Business and Engineering Administration at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A native of Middletown, Connecticut, he was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University. He began his law career in the offices of the District At-

torney in Boston, later becoming a member of the firm of Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins, specializing in trial cases, until he retired in 1935. He became a member of the M. I. T. staff in 1930 and a full professor in 1940.

During World War I Noble Schaefer was appointed by President Wilson to serve as Director of Enforcement for the New England Fuel Administration under the late James J. Storrow.

He leaves his widow, Ethel, of Boston; a brother Charles and a sister, Elizabeth, of Middletown, Connecticut.

Most Worshipful Schaefer's passing is a great loss to Masonry and one that will be felt throughout the nation, especially by his multitude of friends in Greater Boston.



**BILL CUNNINGHAM GUEST
SPEAKER AT NOVEMBER SHRINE
LUNCHEON**

THE final Shrine Luncheon of Aleppo Temple for the current year will be held at the Statler Hotel, Tuesday, November 25.

The guest speaker at this final luncheon will be the internationally known newspaper columnist Bill Cunningham, who will have an interesting subject touching on his recent trip through Europe and the British Isles.

Brother Cunningham, who writes a daily column carried by many of the outstanding papers of the country, including the Boston *Herald*, is well known for his sincere and straight-forward treatment of subjects of public concern.

Mr. Cunningham grew up in Dallas, Texas, where his people figured prominently in the Texas war for Independence. He attended Terrell School of Dallas, where he was Captain of the football team, edited the school magazine, was President of his class and in his spare time walked off with all the scholastic honors, including the gold medal for effort. At Dartmouth his fame as a football player was legendary, but at the same time he excelled at scholarship.

After a year and a half of college he enlisted in the First World War and saw more than two years' service in France. At the end of the war he was acting Battery Commander in the Artillery.

The show will be opened with a concert by the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band.

Tickets for the show, which is being operated to raise money for the Hospital Fund of the Worcester County Shrine Club, may be purchased at the Fund Headquarters at 387 Main Street, Worcester, or by mail to the Ticket Chairman, Noble Edward A. Hare, P.O. Box 1284, Worcester 1, Mass. The price of the tickets is \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40, and \$3.00, tax included.

This is a worthy cause and all Nobles, their families, and friends, are urged to participate and enjoy an evening of gala entertainment.

His first newspaper job was on the Dallas *Morning News*, the paper which had printed his letters sent home from France. During those early years, he fought the Ku Klux Klan and any other organization or person who interfered with the liberty of his country. That crusading spirit is one of his chief characteristics.

His coverage of a New Year's Day foot-

ball game in 1922 resulted in his affiliation with the Boston *Post* where he stayed for nineteen years as a sportswriter of surpassing ability. He traveled extensively, covering among other things, the various Olympic Games.

In March, 1941, he became a columnist for the Boston *Herald*, from which paper his work is syndicated nationwide and quoted everywhere that papers are read. His articles have appeared in many magazines.

Last year he traveled thousands of miles to discover what people everywhere were feeling and thinking. His ear is both perceptive and sensitive and attuned to the pulse beats of our nation. Completely fearless in his battles for accuracy, he is a champion of liberty and the American way of life. Anyone who has ever heard him speak knows that he adds information to oratory and conviction to truth.

In 1945 he covered post-VE Day Europe; in 1946 he attended the Paris Peace Conference; and in 1947 travelled all through the British Isles.

Don't forget the time and place, Shrine Luncheon, Tuesday, November 25, Statler Hotel, 12:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend.



**WORCESTER SHRINERS SPONSOR
BIG VAUDEVILLE SHOW**

MEMBERS of the Worcester County Shrine Club are formulating plans for a mammoth vaudeville show to be held in the Worcester Memorial Auditorium Saturday, November 29, according to Noble Charles W. Robinson, Secretary of the club.

The committee on arrangements, headed by Club President Wallace H. Wood as General Chairman, ably assisted by the officers and members of the Shrine Club are planning on one of the biggest shows ever to be held in Worcester, consisting of the finest in the entertainment field with stars of stage, screen and radio.

Invitations have been extended to the officers of Aleppo Temple of Boston, Melha Temple of Springfield, and the Crippled Children's Hospital at Springfield.

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BIG FALL CEREMONIAL

Friday, November 28, 1947

MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON, MASS.

PETITIONS

NOTICE

CANDIDATES

All Petitions for membership to be acted upon at this meeting must be in the Recorder's office not later than 4.00 p. m., Tuesday, November 25. (2 working days before the meeting.)

AFTERNOON MEETING 4.00 to 5.00 P.M.

PAUL REVERE HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING
ENTER AT 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

BALLOTTING ON CANDIDATES

BUSINESS MEETING
RITUALISTIC DEGREE WORK IN FULL FORM

Candidates report at West Newton Street Entrance of Mechanics Building at 2:30 P.M.

BUFFET DINNER . . . 5.00 to 7.00 P.M.

BANQUET HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING
ENTER 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
DOORS OPEN TO BANQUET HALL AT 5 P.M.

CONCERT 5.00 P.M.

BAND PROGRAM

Noble Walter M. Smith, Bandmaster

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| March, "Man of the Hour" | Fillmore | Thomas |
| Selection of Cole Porter favorites | | Special Arrangement |
| "Oxford Street" | Coates | Grofe |
| March, "The Conqueror" | Tieke | Alter |
| | | Berlioz |
| | | |
| "Overture to Mignon" | | |
| "Way Down South in Heaven" | | |
| "On the Trail — Grand Canyon" | | |
| "Manhattan Serenade" | | |
| "Hungarian March" | | |

EVENING CEREMONIAL . . . 6.30 P.M.

Your 1947 Shrine Card is necessary to participate in the above Ceremonies.
ATTEST:

Harvey B. Leggee
Recorder
Telephone KENmore 0678-0649

Justin A. Duncan
Illustrous Potentate

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Near the close of circus week, one of my own children asked me the rather pointed question: "What do you get out of this circus every year?" That's what I get out of it — fragments of life, and touches of human interest, that no moving picture, or book, or poem, could ever convey.

And your chairman has thus reported, in some detail, in the conviction that every Noble of Aleppo Temple deserves to share a little of that warm, tingling sensation that must surge in the breast of every Noble who was privileged to play any part in the creation of a glorious week of childhood happiness.

Such is the story of Aleppo's seventh annual circus. Potentate Duncan was most enthusiastic and cooperative in every respect. He deserves his record year.

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Chairman of Circus

BOYS' CLUBS OF BOSTON
"October 9, 1947"

"Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
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Dear Sir:

"Am taking this method of confirming a telephone conversation with Mr. Smythe regarding your very generous offer of providing us with the necessary number of tickets to cover our three Boys' Clubs in Boston to attend the matinee performance of the Shriners' Circus.

"Please be advised that the Charlestown Clubhouse can use 150 tickets for Tuesday, October 14th matinee, and the South Boston Clubhouse 275 tickets for the same matinee, or a total of 425 tickets for the Tuesday, October 14 matinee. The Roxbury Clubhouse can use 150 tickets for the Wednesday, October 15th matinee.

"Will you kindly forward these tickets to me, marking them for my attention at the address on this letterhead.

"In behalf of the boy membership who will have the benefit of attending the circus, and on behalf of the Boys' Clubs of Boston, Inc., I wish to extend my hearty thanks.

"Very sincerely yours,
George M. Disbrow
Assistant Executive Director

MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL
SCHOOL
CANTON, MASS.
"October 8, 1947"

Aleppo Temple Shrine Circus
Gentlemen:

"Confirming our conversation of yesterday, we are pleased to accept your invitation for our children and escorts to attend the Shrine Circus on Tuesday, October 14th. We are planning to send 100 children, 22 of whom will be in wheel chairs or wheel carts, and 25 escorts.

"Our Mr. Drumme is making arrangements at the Boston Garden to facilitate the transfer of our patients from the buses into seats arranged for them. We will also take care of the necessary arrangements for police assistance in unloading our vehicles. If there is further information we can give you, please call me at Canton 0077.

"Yours truly
James C. McLean
Assistant Superintendent

CUSHING VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

"October 16, 1947"

"Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
Chairman, Aleppo Shrine Circus

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"In behalf of the patients, we wish to express our gratitude to you and the Aleppo Temple of Boston for making it possible for a group of our patients to attend your annual Shrine Indoor Circus at the Boston Garden on Wednesday, October 15.

"They spoke of how much they enjoyed it and of what excellent seats they were given. It meant a great deal to them to be able to go and they really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

"Thank you again most kindly for your generosity and commendable efforts.

"Sincerely,
Thomas J. Patterson
Recreational Director

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Chairman, Aleppo Shrine Circus

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"In the name of the children of the Emmanuel House that had the pleasure of going to the circus I am expressing their thanks. If it wasn't for transportation I could have tripped the number.

"Again thanking you for your kindness to the children and the joy you give so many.

"Respectfully yours,
Sister M. Edwardine"

ELIZABETH PEABODY HOUSE BOSTON

"October 7, 1947"

"My dear Mr. Wilson:

"We will be very happy if we may have one hundred (100) tickets for our boys on Tuesday and seventy-five (75) on Wednesday for the girls.

"You are certainly very kind indeed to give our children this treat and we are most grateful to your organization.

"I do not know the Garden well enough to mention a section but will be very glad for the best seats possible for our groups.

"Sincerely,
G. E. Harrington
Director of Activities

"Aleppo Temple

Gentlemen:

"May we have permission to bring 50 of our boarded children and 12 escorts to the Shrine Circus on Thursday afternoon, October 16th?

"Thank you for this courtesy.

"Very truly yours,

M. Goldeth Myers
Division of Child Guardianship
State Department of Public Welfare"

HOME FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN 788 HARRISON AVENUE

"October 16, 1947"

"Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

"Chairman of the Circus Committee

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"Once again our little ones were the recipients of your kind invitation to the Shrine Indoor Circus held at the Boston Garden yesterday. As usual, they more than enjoyed the Circus and can be heard today relating the different events and performances.

"Please accept our most sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering our children and be assured they will not forget their good benefactors.

"Gratefully yours,
Sister Euphemia
Superior

BOSTON SPEECH SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN 295 NEWBURY STREET

"October 10, 1947"

"Chairman, Aleppo Shrine Circus

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"We thank you very much for your kind invitation to the children to attend the Shrine Indoor Circus.

"We will be able to arrange for them to attend the matinee performance on Thursday afternoon, at 3:00 P.M., that is on October 16th. There will be 55 children and 43 escorts.

"Again, thank you.

"Yours very truly,
Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliff
Director

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH EMMANUEL HOUSE

"October 15, 1947"

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"In the name of the children of the Emmanuel House that had the pleasure of going to the circus I am expressing their thanks. If it wasn't for transportation I could have tripped the number.

"Again thanking you for your kindness to the children and the joy you give so many.

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"The members of the Aleppo Temple who were kind enough to give us the tickets were Mr. Fred A. Thatcher, Mr. Fred Bell, Mr. William Herr, Mr. Philip Woodman and Mr. Gordon Kelley. We have made arrangements to take forty-seven to the 10:30 A.M. show and the entire party will be very grateful for whatever you are able to do for us.

"Please accept our most sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering our children and be assured they will not forget their good benefactors.

"Gratefully yours,
Sister Euphemia
Superior

"Stoughton, Mass.

"October 7, 1947"

"Dear Sir:

"In behalf of WHISPERING WILLOWS I accept your kind invitation to attend the Shrine Circus at Boston Garden.

"Our transportation benefactors prefer Tuesday, October 14th, with Thursday, October 16th as second choice.

"There will be 31 of us — 26 children of assorted school ages and 6 adults.

"Inclosed please find his book of tickets and check for same from my husband, who assures you of this group's great need of more of the sort of stuff of which childhood should be made.

"Our many thanks,
Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Elmer Johnson

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THE EAST END UNION 105 Spring St., Cambridge

"October 9, 1947"

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"We plan to take about 40 children and the 3 leaders for each matinee performance on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you very much for the invitation.

"Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Eugenia T. Copeland."

CONVENT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SAINT JOSEPH'S ROXBURY, MASS.

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"We want to thank you kindly for the wonderful afternoon the children enjoyed at the Shrine Indoor Circus on Wednesday afternoon. The Sisters more than enjoyed it too, as well as the escorts who came along to help care for the children.

"Truly our dear Lord must be pleased with you for this wonderful act of kindness in making ever so many little ones extremely happy.

"Our one regret — that we did not meet you personally and thank you whilst we were at the Gardens.

"Gratefully yours,
The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
Mother Mary Anacletus"

SOUTH END HOUSE BOSTON, MASS.

"October 17, 1947"

"Aleppo Temple

Gentlemen:

"I wish to express the appreciation of South End House to the Shriners for making it possible for one hundred and sixty children and fifty-five aged people from our neighborhood to attend the Seventh Annual Circus.

"The majority of the children and the oldsters would not have been able to afford a circus of this high type. The elderly people particularly, all of whom live in lonely rooming houses, usually with all family connections gone, had the times of their lives. Some of them had not been to the circus for over sixty years.

"Please accept our heartfelt thanks again.

"Sincerely yours,
Mark Mazel
Director of Activities

CATHOLIC BOYS GUIDANCE CENTRE OF BOSTON

Under the patronage of The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Archbishop of Boston

"Chairman of the Circus Committee:

"We wish to thank you very much for your great kindness in remembering our boys and allowing them to attend the Seventh Annual Shrine Indoor Circus. Many of the boys never would have the opportunity to see such an event if it wasn't for the kindness of your organization.

"This circus was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the boys and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your great kindness and thoughtfulness.

"Sincerely yours,
(Mr.) Cornelius M. Sullivan

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY EAST BOSTON, MASS.

"Shrine Activities

"Aleppo Temple

"Dear Sirs:

"Please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness in admitting approximately 150 from our Church School children's group and their neighbors to the very fine circus performance on last Monday.

"Although I was personally at the burial service of a child and could not attend, the reports are that they had a glorious time and that the circus was the best ever. Many thanks.

"Respectfully,<

CIRCUS TICKET RETURNS ARE OVERDUE

THERE are still a few Nobles who have not made returns on the membership tickets recently mailed in connection with the Seventh Annual Shrine Circus. The Circus Committee is appealing to all Nobles who have not made returns to kindly forward them at once to assist the Aleppo Shrine Activities Committee in closing the books of our recent outstanding and successful circus held in Boston Garden. The assistance and cooperation of every Noble will be greatly appreciated.

In the October issue of the ALEPO MONTHLY NEWS an appeal was made for the payment of all membership circus tickets used, as well as donations to replace those used by the committee to admit underprivileged and crippled youngsters. Again this year the demand far exceeded the supply of tickets donated by the Nobles who joined the Daddy Club by purchasing circus tickets and forwarding them to the committee with their check to pay for the same. Each ticket purchased and returned allowed two youngsters to go as their guests and the Noble was listed as a member of the Daddy Club. Tickets are still being purchased and returned for this purpose and the committee would appreciate further donations to help balance the Daddy Club ticket account.

DADDY CLUB LIST NUMBER 4

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| Joseph S. Balcom | Martin Daniels | Lowell H. Gram | Henry P. Segel | Augustus Howes Moody |
| Norman E. Corwin | Herbert W. Davidson | L. Carl Creber | Hyman P. Selya | George Oscar Newhall |
| Edward J. Falk | Jacob A. Davidson | John Cressy | Harold L. Shenker | William T. Northridge |
| Elmer W. Flagg | Oliver S. Dexter | Clinton S. Curtis | Leon F. Shepherd | Aaron Burnham Noyes |
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Highlights of the 7th Annual Aleppo Temple Circus



Top left: "Al" being introduced to the Shriners in the mouth of his cautious mother, "Dolly." Top center: "Dolly" with the newest of her four cubs, born shortly after the close of the opening matinee performance. Top right: Judge Wilson, "Sudanna," as second prize winner, Carol Ann Murphy, of Arlington, looks on. Left center: Watching the man on the flying trapeze, "Watch him," and, directly below, Service men from hospitals who also enjoyed the Shrine circus. Among the many groups of hospitalized Service men to enjoy the Shrine circus as guests of Aleppo Temple was a group from Chelsea Naval Hospital accompanied by members of the Red Cross Motor Corps. Right center: General Chairman Robert G. Wilson, Jr., making friends with "Sudanna," Aleppo's gift this year to the Franklin Park Zoo. Bottom: A panoramic view of a capacity crowd at one of this year's performances.



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY

HATS off to Past Potentate Wilson for a swell job in directing our Seventh Annual Circus — and the six preceding ones — with all the necessary planning and preparation for the event, as well as for the rebuttal (which seems so ironical). Of course, everybody rallied around him to do his small part as an "extra" etc., the first platoon had the best attendance, 92 per cent and the total average attendance for the scheduled shows was 83 per cent. But to Past Potentate Wilson goes the credit for putting on a major production. Overheard on the side-lines Monday afternoon:

Carpenter: "There wasn't a vacant seat in the house."

Lamb: "Yes, there was, I sat in a vacant seat."

The uniformed units participated in the celebration of Norwood's 75th anniversary, November 1. The parade was made up of fraternal, civic and historical organizations and floats.

The officers of the Divan headed our line with Major Vaughan in command of the Uniformed Units. Lieutenant Dixon acted as Captain in charge of the patrol. It was a cold, windy day and there was an hour's wait before starting the three-mile march. Afterwards the units were invited to supper at the Masonic Temple.

George Weeks was elected and installed Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 15. This is probably the first time in history that an active member of the patrol has attained such a high Masonic station. At this annual conclave Em. N. Russell Lynn was installed as Grand Warder and Em. Robert G. Wilson as Grand Generalissimo. The installing officers were M.E. Sir John

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Temple Rice, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the U.S.A., and our own M.E. Sir Harry G. Pollard, P.G.M. The escort was composed of Past Commanders of St. Omer Commandery with Em. William F. Sharpe as Captain. We salute the Grand Commander and wish for him a most successful administration.

The appointive officers in the Grand Commandery this year include several members of the patrol. Em. Clyde Carter is Inspector Instructor. Em. Harold Burr is to serve on two committees, Credentials and Inspections and Tactits. Em. Alexander Campbell and Em. Raymond Ellis are on the Committee on Credentials. Em. Fred Wilke, Em. Reginald Goldsworthy (of the Mounted Patrol) and Em. Clyde Carter comprise the Christmas Offering Committee. The Membership Committee comprises Em. Frank Ells and Em. J. Howard Macaulay (of the degree staff). The Entertainment Committee comprises those two top-notch men, Em. Robert G. Wilson and Herman McStay.

Arthur Holl is still a very sick man. He has been confined to his bed for several months. His physician calls daily and a nurse is in constant attendance. Everybody is rooting for him and hoping for the good news that he will soon be back in his regular place in the first platoon.

Our representative in the legislature, Gordon D. Boynton, is busy now as Chairman of the Back Bay District for the Community Fund. He is also serving on the recess committee of the Legislature on Traffic, Recreation, Housing and Lighting.

Capt. Bill Sharpe, C.B., who has always lived in Revere, has just purchased a fine home in Westwood. What can this mean? We'll have to watch and wait. There might be some real news about this man one of these days.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 CLOSING DATE FOR FILING PETITIONS

DUE to the large number of candidates expected for our big fall Ceremonial to be held Friday, November 28, the Illustrious Potentate has ordered that all petitions to be balloted upon at the business meeting at 4:00 p.m., November 28, shall be in the hands of the Recorder not later than 4:00 p.m. November 25. This order has been issued to allow the listing and checking of all petitions before the time of balloting as well as to allow printing and distributing at the business meeting, the names of candidates to be balloted upon.

Therefore, the Nobility are at this time advised that in accordance with the notice as published in the call for the meeting on page 3 of this issue, no petitions will be received after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 25.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY

THE candidates to be initiated at our November Ceremonial may consider themselves fortunate in more ways than one. Instead of the dreary "Hot Sands" which most candidates must face, this class has been specially invited by Director Watson of the Degree Staff to attend, at Mechanics Building, a "County Fair." We'll have pink lemonade, side shows, all regular County Fair amusements, including a finale by "Little Egypt" that should bring down the house. Come one! Come all! We will have the barkers, the amusements and a good time for everybody.

The Aleppo uniformed units paraded at Norwood in celebration of their 75th Anniversary of this town. Nobles Henderson, Zepp, Painton, Sargent, MacKenzie and Captain Watson represented the Degree Staff. Dinner was served at the Masonic Temple at Norwood after the parade. The boys report Norwood to be one of the finest towns they have ever visited and the hospitality of the inhabitants tops.

Very sorry to report that Dud Kimball is confined to the hospital after a serious accident in which Dud was badly hurt. While Dud was confined to the hospital, his beloved wife passed away. To Dud and his family the Degree Staff members send their sincerest sympathy.

In honor of our Potentate, Justin Duncan, and his wonderful administration, the Degree Staff members are planning a Ladies' Night shortly after our November Ceremonial, at which time we expect and plan to entertain our Potentate, his wife, and the wives of all Degree Staff members. It has been many years since the boys have had a good old-fashioned party. Present plans guarantee this party will be one of the best. We are to have lobster and steak dinner, whichever you choose, entertainment, dancing and fun as the Degree Staff like it.

ALEPO NOBLE
ELECTED GRAND COMMANDER
ON Wednesday, October 15, a signal honor was bestowed upon another member of Aleppo Temple when Noble George A. Weeks, an active member of the Aleppo Arab Patrol, was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.



V.E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Commander

Grand Commander Weeks was installed in office by Most Eminent John Temple Rice, of El Paso, Texas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the U. S. A. He was assisted by Past Most Em. Grand Master Harry G. Pollard of Lowell, who is a Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple.

Noble Weeks, who has been for many

years an active member in Masonry and the Shrine, is a Past Master of Gate of the Temple Lodge A. F. & A. M., and Past High Priest of St. Matthews Royal Arch Chapter of South Boston. He is at present Treasurer of the Chapter and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple in that city. He has served in the past as Deputy Grand Captain of the Host of the First Capitular District and Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. Grand Commander Weeks is a Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council Royal and Select Masters and a Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery No. 21 Knights Templar of Dorchester.

Noble Weeks holds membership in the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston where he took an active part in the ceremonies.

For many years Noble Weeks has been a member of the Aleppo Temple Arab Patrol and at the present time is a commissioned officer of the patrol staff.

We wish to congratulate our new Grand Commander and wish him a year of health, and happiness in his new Masonic office.



OSHKOSH SHRINER LEAVES BIG ESTATE TO HOSPITALS

THE Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the entire estate of the late Noble Albert J. McKay, of Oshkosh, Wis., who died November 14, 1944. The estate was listed at \$312,505.97 in real estate and personal property as final judgment and assignment was made in Winnebago County Probate Court recently. Under the terms of Noble McKay's will, the entire balance is to be set up in a trust fund and the income assigned to Alice S. McKay, the widow. At the termination of the trust, or following the death of the widow, the estate will be turned over to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. Noble McKay was prominent in the iron business in Wisconsin and Michigan during his lifetime.



By C. C. FEARING, Assistant Editor

WE had a pleasant surprise at a recent rehearsal night when Noble Louis Brightman paid us a visit. He has just completed a 16 months tour of duty with the army of occupation in Germany, and was he glad to get back; and were we glad to see him. Noble Brightman was the same old Louis and still giving out that great hand-shake with which he used to greet his friends. He was mustered out of the service recently with the rank of Major, and has served five years in the army. If you want to get the low down on conditions over there just ask Louis and he will sure give you an interesting talk fest. It was our good fortune to be his seat mate on the bus to Norwood, and there was not a dull moment, as he told us all about the people in that country and their habits and view point.

"You think you got trouble.
"You ain't seen nothing yet.
"P.S. And what's more. I ain't got no journalistic training, and don't know nothing about the printer's art." End of quote.

Well, after reading the foregoing we doff our hat, figuratively speaking, as this guy is a regular Pooh Bah.

In taking the liberty of using our dear old Pal's lament as a column filler, we may be inviting a challenge for coffee and pistols for two at dawn, but sure is worth the risk just to let folks know what the other fellers are up against. Whenever we read this article over again, and realize what a helluva lot of trouble is resting on this guy's shoulders we will be tempted to hang our editorial head in shame.

The trip to Norwood on Saturday, November 1, was a success, even if our teeth did chatter while waiting for the starting gun, but before we had gone very far over the four mile course we began to get warmed up. Noble Lew Carpenter handled the baton in his usual grand style. But he always swings the stick in a workmanlike manner.

A short time ago we received a letter from a Noble which was headed "Personal, Private, Confidential. Not for Publication." With such a heading there was nothing left to do but publish it (withholding the author's name, of course) as it is too good to keep under our hat. This screed was in reply to our recent com-

plaint anent the trials and tribulations of a Columnist. We quote Verbatim. "What are you kicking about? You don't know what real trouble is."

"You thought you were the only Columnist who had trouble getting items of interest to fill his allotted space.

"You only got one column. I got a whole paper.

"I am reporter; editor; make-up-man; lay-out-man; proof-reader; dummy-paster; and all round sucker; for the enclosed meat wrapper.

"I can't get no news from nobody; except now and then; and when I do get it, it ain't fit to print, or the facts are incomplete or inaccurate, or both, and I spend hours on research work trying to get the real facts, or the right spelling of people's names, or places.

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Be seeing you, we hope, at the next ceremonial. If our anonymous writer will be there he can weep salt briny tears on our scarlet neck tie.

C. C. F.

ORCHIDS TO THE SHRINERS

THE Boston Post, co-sponsor with Aleppo Temple of the Camel Naming Contest in connection with this year's Shrine Circus, printed an editorial in their Saturday, October 11, issue, which proved the value of Shrine sponsored public entertainment in Boston.

The editorial follows:

"THE SHRINE CIRCUS

"The annual circus sponsored by the Aleppo Temple of the Shrine at Boston Garden not alone affords a satisfying opportunity to provide a couple of hours of real entertainment for children. It goes further than that. The great work done by the Shrine in its Springfield hospital for children of all faiths and races deserves the co-operation of all. The fine entertainment opening Monday at the Garden is properly a most welcome feature of the city's fall calendar."

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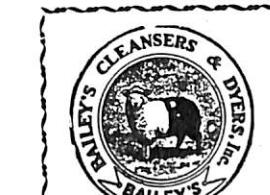


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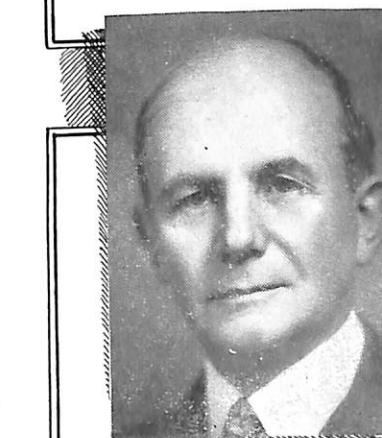
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1948 IMPERIAL SESSION TO RETURN TO ATLANTIC CITY

All Atlantic City hailed the recent announcement by Imperial Potentate Karl Rex Hammers that the 1948 Imperial Council Session will be held in that well known resort again next June.

All Atlantic City means Mayor Joseph Altman, members of the City Commission, hotelmen, the Chamber of Commerce, businessmen and just plain citizens, all of whom recalled the Shriners' 1947 visit as "one of the finest gatherings ever entertained."

Both official and unofficial Atlantic City expressed keen gratification over the news that the resort had been selected for the second successive year — a precedent shattering action on the part of the Imperial Council. The Shriners also held their conclaves at this seashore haven in 1927 and 1933.

Mayor Joseph Altman was first to hail the decision. He said: "It is one of the finest tributes ever paid Atlantic City hospitality. I feel also that it is a tribute to those who so capably managed the recent session."

He pledged that he and his administration would again do its utmost to serve and entertain the Nobles and their guests when they gather at the shore in 1948.

The Director General of the 1947 Convention, former Congressman, Walter S. Jeffries, Past Potentate of Crescent Temple, who played a major part in staging all four Imperial Council Sessions at Atlantic City, lauded the city, local newspapers and radio stations for their part in the success of this year's gathering and then said:

"The 1948 Session will be bigger and better in every way. We have much longer to prepare for it and we have profited by experience." He said he was already planning for the convention and would call upon virtually the same assistants.

Nowhere was the news that the Nobles would return again greeted with more enthusiasm than among the men who operate Atlantic City's Boardwalk and avenue hotels and guest houses.

To Director-General Jeffries, Frank E. Sutich, president of the Atlantic City Hotel Association, wrote:

"Double-barreled congratulations!"

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